

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MASAYUKI SAKURA ) : Examiner: King Y. Poon  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows: